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MAINTAINING SECURE SEMICONDUCTOR

DEVICE AREAS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2005 finally rejecting claims 1-24, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.
- Remarks begin on page 6.

No additional fees are believed to be required. However, if the Patent Office deems that any fees are necessary, authorization is hereby granted to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.